

**NOTICE OF EXEMPTION**

TO: Santa Barbara County Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

FROM: Public Works Department, Resource Recovery and Waste Management Division

The project or activity identified below is determined to be exempt from further environmental review requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) of 1970, as defined in the State and County Guidelines for the implementation of CEQA.

Location: Unincorporated , urbanized areas unincorporated Goleta and Santa Barbara (CSA 3) and in the community of Isla Vista (CSA 31) in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Supervisorial District.

Project Title: County Service Areas 3 and 31 Benefit Assessments for Fiscal Year 2016-2017,

**Project Description:** The action involves establishing benefit assessments for County Service Areas 3 and 31 for fiscal year 2016-2017, which are recommended to be \$24.00 and \$12.93 per year respectively. No change in the rates is proposed from last year.

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: County of Santa Barbara

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project: Public Works Department

**Exempt Status:** (Check one)

- Ministerial
- Statutory Exemption
- Categorical Exemption
- Emergency Project
- Declared Emergency

Cite specific CEQA and/or CEQA Guideline Section: CEQA Guidelines (CCR Section 15273(a) (1)-(4), "Rates, Tolls, Fares, and Charges".

Reasons to support exemption findings (attach additional material, if necessary): The proposed actions are for the establishment of rates for the purposes of meeting operating and capital expenses, as well as for meeting financial reserve needs required to maintain services within an existing service area. Said rates are not for the expansion of the service system.

Lead Agency Contact Person: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (805) 739-8755

Department/Division Representative: Martin Wilder, Utilities Manager Date: May 17, 2016

Acceptance Date:

Note: A copy of this form must be posted at P&D 6 days prior to a decision on the project. Upon approval, this form must be filed with the Clerk of the Board and posted by the Clerk of the Board for a period of 30 days to begin a 35 day statute of limitations on legal challenges.

DATE POSTED AT PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

DATE FILED BY CLERK OF THE BOARD

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